

**Docket No.:** 00-0395  
**Pre-Bench Date:** 06-20-00  
**Deadline:** N/A

**SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM**\_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Larry Jones, Hearing Examiner

**DATE:** June 20, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Central Illinois Public Service Company and Union Electric Company

Petition for approval of revisions to market value tariff, Rider MV.

**COMMENT:** Petitioners propose to implement revised Rider MV on January 1, 2001.

**UPDATE:** A prehearing conference was held on the afternoon of June 19. An appearance was entered by Petitioner. Appearances were also entered by Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), Illinois Power Company and Nicor Energy, who have filed or intend to file intervening petitions, and by the Commission Staff. The parties agreed to a schedule which is intended to lead to an order by January 1.

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As explained more fully in a memorandum dated June 8, 2000, Central Illinois Public Service Company and Union Electric Company ("Petitioners" or "Ameren") filed a petition on June 1, 2000 requesting the Commission "to approve changes to each company's market value tariff rider ("Rider MV") that would permit each company to change the method of calculating market value beginning in calendar year 2001." Petitioners "propose to base the calculation of market value on information relating to applicable market traded contracts in lieu of the neutral fact finder ("NFF") values currently reflected in each company's Rider MV."

As noted above, a prehearing conference in the instant case, Docket No. 00-0395, was held on the afternoon of June 19. The parties agreed to a proposed schedule which contemplates discovery, direct and responsive testimony filings in August, two days of hearings in September, initial and reply briefs in October, a HEPO, exceptions and replies, followed by a final order from the Commission by January 1.

As stated in the June 8 memo, the Ameren market value proposal is patterned after the ComEd proposal and will probably share many issues with the pending ComEd proceeding. The proposed schedule agreed to by the parties in the instant case would likely cause these overlapping issues to be addressed by parties and then ruled upon by the Commission in a formal setting at the same time the workshops are being conducted in the ComEd proceeding, and much sooner than the issues will be formally addressed in the ComEd matter. Whether such a schedule in the Ameren docket would have an adverse impact on the ComEd workshop process and on the orderly consideration of common issues in the two dockets is a question the Commission may want to consider.

No ruling on this proposed schedule has been issued. A status hearing is scheduled for June 30, which is subsequent to the Commission meeting dates of June 20-21 and June 27.